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# **North Dakota Homeland Security Anti-Terrorism Summary**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Potato blight confirmed in North Dakota.** Potato blight has been confirmed in North Dakota, and growers are being told to scout their fields. The Northern Plains Potato Growers Association said blight was confirmed in a field in Dickey County, in the southeastern part of the state. A 1999 outbreak of blight in the Northern Plains destroyed \$125 million worth of potatoes. Cases were confirmed in North Dakota in 2009, but there was no widespread outbreak. Farmers can spray a fungicide to head off the disease. Source:

<http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/35269/group/homepage/>

**National Guard battles flood waters in four states.** Almost 300 National Guard members from four states helped to battle flood waters last week and through the weekend. In South Dakota, 130 soldiers from the 200th Engineer Company and the 153rd Engineer Battalion helped to fill sandbags in the towns of Huron, Woonsocket, and Bonilla. The mission was to lay about 20,000 sandbags in Woonsocket to channel water through the town, while 3,000 sandbags were staged in Bonilla. In Missouri, the governor called up soldiers with vehicle support to remove debris from the northwest counties of Mingo, Logan, Wyoming, and McDowell. Missions continued over the weekend in the region as Guardsmen manned traffic-control points and assisted law enforcement in patrolling the sparsely populated areas. Guard officials said the dams in the Dakotas are full and the Army Corps of Engineers plans to let out water to release pressure on them, which will increase the water flow in the Missouri River. North Dakota has a UH-60 helicopter and its 10-man crew on standby to respond if needed to evacuate residents unable to use the roads in the Devils Lake area. West Virginia has almost 100 Guardsmen cleaning up the debris that residents found in their homes in Wyoming County. About 55 counties in West Virginia have been affected by rain and rapid snow melt since the spring. Source: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2010/06/29/41598-national-guard-battles-flood-waters-in-four-states/>

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Investigators raid Chanhassen firm.** Federal authorities and New York organized-crime detectives are investigating a Chanhassen, Minnesota firm that sells used and refurbished computer parts on suspicion of marketing a wide range of counterfeit components apparently originating in Asia. Investigators seized what they believe are 150 counterfeit parts last week from Focus Technology, including 23 Hewlett-Packard memory units, 80 IBM memory units and 47 Cisco components. The president of Focus Technology, said June 28 that the seizure involved a fraction of the firm's inventory. He acknowledged, though, that his firm received a "cease and desist" letter in December 2008 from IBM Systems and Technology Group, demanding that it stop selling counterfeit IBM parts. The president said his firm tries to sell only authentic products, but a flood of counterfeits from Asia makes that hard. He said his firm is cooperating "100 percent" with investigators. Counterfeit computer parts have turned up in military equipment and led to numerous failures, according to a 2008 investigation by Business Week. The article said counterfeit Cisco routers made in

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China pose a serious espionage threat. In May, the Associated Press reported on Operation Network Raider, which the Justice Department said has led to 30 felony convictions and the seizure of \$143 million in counterfeit network equipment made in China. Source:

[http://www.startribune.com/local/97357659.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEygyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:\\_Yyc:aUU](http://www.startribune.com/local/97357659.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEygyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aUU)

**(Minnesota) Two Minnesota cases of Salmonella infection linked to recall of frozen meals.** Two recent cases of salmonellosis in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota have been linked to frozen chicken and rice meals being recalled nationally, state health and agriculture officials said June 28. ConAgra Foods Packaged Foods of Iowa is recalling all Marie Callender's brand Cheesy Chicken and Rice frozen meals from stores, regardless of production date, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The products were distributed to retailers nationwide. Source: <http://www.sleepyeyenews.com/news/x644695746/Two-Minnesota-cases-of-Salmonella-infection-linked-to-recall-of-frozen-meals>

**(Minnesota) Ammonia leaks at Newport storage firm.** Emergency crews brought a liquid ammonia leak under control in Newport, Minnesota June 25. The leak occurred at Newport Cold Storage, a firm that stores refrigerated and frozen food. According to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, no one in the immediate vicinity had to be evacuated. No injuries were reported. Source: [http://www.startribune.com/local/east/97173769.html?elr=KArks:DCiUMEaPc:UiD3aPc:\\_Yyc:aUU](http://www.startribune.com/local/east/97173769.html?elr=KArks:DCiUMEaPc:UiD3aPc:_Yyc:aUU)

**(Minnesota) Proposed Treasury rules take hard line against prepaid card fraud.** The government's efforts to crack down on criminal financing could make it tougher for consumers to buy gift cards, some experts warn. Published in the June 28 Federal Register, the newly proposed rules from the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) require prepaid card providers and sellers to fill out Suspicious Activity Reports on customers for suspicious transactions, such as those totaling more than \$2,000. Amid concerns that so-called stored value cards and devices offer a way for criminals and terrorists to quietly move funds internationally, the government is looking to step up efforts to combat the misuse of these products. As a result, the proposed FinCEN rules look to better identify prepaid card users by placing requirements on nonbank providers and sellers. Mandated by the Credit CARD Act of 2009, the proposed rules require more data collection and reporting from businesses. Interested parties have 30 days to submit comments on the proposed rules. Source: <http://www.creditcards.com/credit-card-news/fincen-study-prepaid-gift-card-suspicious-activity-report-required-1282.php>

## **NATIONAL**

**Hurricane Alex delays gulf oil clean-up efforts.** Hurricane Alex disrupted the BP oil spill, clean-up effort in the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday as the storm gathered strength and was expected to make landfall. The U.S. President declared a state of emergency in Texas as Alex strengthened into the first Atlantic hurricane of the season late Tuesday. Alex was far from the epicenter of the clean-up operation off the Louisiana coast, but churned up waves and strong winds forced the suspension of oil skimming and booming operations off the coasts of Louisiana, Alabama and Florida. Two vessels continued to capture oil gushing from an undersea well 50 miles off Louisiana, where the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig exploded 10 weeks ago sparking the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history. Coupled with winds of up to 22 knots, the high seas made it too rough for crews to deploy a

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third vessel, the Helix Producer, that was set to nearly double the capacity of BP's containment system. The current containment system is capturing nearly 25,000 of the estimated 30,000 to 60,000 barrels of crude spewing out of the ruptured well every day. Source:

<http://rawstory.com/rs/2010/0630/hurricane-alex-delays-gulf-oil-cleanup-efforts/>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**(MONTREAL) Explosion damages Canadian Forces office in Trois-Rivières** An explosion rocked a Canadian Forces recruitment office in Trois-Rivières early Friday morning. No one was in the building or in the adjoining businesses at the time, and no injuries were reported. The explosion, which occurred about 3 a.m., blew out the windows of the recruitment office at 245 St. Georges St. The brick-faced building appeared to have sustained minimal structural damage, police said. A man was arrested shortly before 10 a.m. in connection with the incident, LCN reports. The recruitment office is located at the corner of a strip mall in the city's downtown core, near a major hotel and conference centre as well as a bus terminus. Sgt. Eloise Cossette of the Sûreté du Québec said the explosion likely occurred inside because of the extent of the damage inside and the fact that many of the building's windows were shattered. She said a team of bomb specialists and sniffing dogs are heading to the scene to investigate. The Trois-Rivières public security department received a phone call minutes before the blast, warning security agents that a bomb was about to go off, Cossette said. She declined to give further details about the bomb alert. A spokesman for the recruitment centre said the attack comes as a "shock". Neighbours said they were woken up by a major explosion. There are reports all federal buildings in the area have been put on high alert, but Cossette said the SQ has not yet given such an order.

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/Explosion+damages+Canadian+Forces+office+Trois+Rivi%C3%A8res/3227219/story.html#ixzz0sXGFQdnT>

**Pirates hijack ship carrying antifreeze chemical.** Pirates hijacked a ship carrying a poisonous chemical used in antifreeze early Monday off the northern tip of Somalia, and took the 19 Chinese sailors onboard hostage, officials said. The Singaporean-flagged Golden Blessing was seized inside the internationally recommended transit corridor in the Gulf of Aden that is patrolled by the anti-piracy naval coalition, said a spokesman for the European Union's anti-piracy force. All 19 crew are reported to be safe, he said. The ship was reported to be on its way from Saudi Arabia to India. He said the 14,445-ton chemical tanker was carrying a cargo of glycol ethylene — which is used in antifreeze — when it was captured approximately 60 miles (95 kilometers) off the northern Somali coast. The vessel was moving toward the Somali coast after the hijacking. The ship hijacked Monday is owned by Golden Pacific International Holdings Ltd., and is chartered out to Shanghai Dingheng Shipping Co. Ltd. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gB7YMEDuCwwY9ncDOtPAkEI4-H2wD9GKAL502>

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**European Union, U.S. to share banking data to fight terrorism.** The European Union has reached an agreement with the United States that will allow European bank data to continue to be shared for counter-terrorism purposes, but only after liberal members of parliament secured stronger privacy guarantees. Under a five-year agreement signed June 28 by the European Council, the E.U.'s

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governing body, U.S. officials can request European financial data relevant to a specific terrorist investigation if they substantiate the need for the data. The European Parliament is expected to approve the deal by a comfortable margin when it votes on it next week, lawmakers said. The deal would take effect August 1. Privacy concerns had prompted the European Parliament in February to reject a proposal to extend the information-sharing. But in recent weeks, a bloc of Liberal Democrats pushed for concessions from the European Council and the United States. Source:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/28/AR2010062805052.html?wprss=rss\\_technology](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/28/AR2010062805052.html?wprss=rss_technology)

**(South Carolina) Robber leaves suspected bomb.** A man walked into the Summerville, South Carolina BB&T at noon June 28, robbed it and threatened that he left a bomb, authorities said. Over the next 2 and 1/2 hours, members of the Summerville Police Department, state law enforcement division, FBI and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad rushed to 904 North Main Street. They evacuated the bank's staff — all of whom were safe — to a car dealership next door. No bomb was found. But traffic was shut down for two blocks on either side of the bank, which included the portion of North Main Street just in front of his business. The robbery was just another in a string of 11 that occurred this month in the Lowcountry. Five occurred the week of June 21 through 25, and at least 22 robberies have occurred this year. While some arrests have been made, other suspects remain at large. Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2010/jun/29/robber-leaves-suspected-bomb/>

**FTC says scammers stole millions, using virtual companies.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has disrupted a long-running online scam that allowed offshore fraudsters to steal millions of dollars from U.S. consumers — often by taking just pennies at a time. The scam, which had been run for about four years, according to the FTC, provides a case lesson in how many of the online services used to lubricate business in the 21st century can equally be misused for fraud. The FTC has not identified those responsible for the fraud, but in March, it quietly filed a civil lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Illinois. This has frozen the gang's U.S. assets and also allowed the FTC to shut down merchant accounts and 14 “money mules” — U.S. residents recruited by the criminals to move money offshore to countries such as Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Estonia. The scammers found loopholes in the credit-card processing system that allowed them to set up fake U.S. companies that then ran more than a million phony credit-card transactions through legitimate credit-card processing companies. The scammers stayed under the radar from investigators for so long by charging very small amounts — typically between 25 cents and \$9 per card — and by setting up more than 100 bogus companies to process the transactions. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178560/FTC\\_says\\_scammers\\_stole\\_millions\\_using\\_virtual\\_companies](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178560/FTC_says_scammers_stole_millions_using_virtual_companies)

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**Gulf Coast nuclear plants at risk from BP oil spill.** Watchdog groups are warning about the BP oil spill's potential damage to Gulf and Atlantic coast nuclear power plants that use seawater to cool pumps and other safety equipment. Earlier this month, representatives of the nuclear watchdog groups Beyond Nuclear, Three Mile Island Alert and Unplug Salem wrote a letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) seeking details on oil-plume-monitoring efforts to guard against damage to plants' safety systems. The letter was copied to the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The watchdogs wrote

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to the NRC June 14 asking for assurances that federal and state agencies are coordinating efforts to prevent safety problems at coastal nuclear power plants. While seawater is not used to cool the reactors themselves, it is used in the plants' secondary-cooling systems. The letter asked for details about monitoring of the subsurface oil plumes and what plants are doing to protect themselves from the oil, chemical dispersant and dissolved methane. Among the nuclear plants that could be impacted by the oil slick is Progress Energy's Crystal River plant on Florida's Gulf Coast. There are also concerns about Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point and St. Lucie nuclear plants on Florida's Atlantic Coast. Source: <http://www.southernstudies.org/2010/06/gulf-coast-nuclear-plants-at-risk-from-bp-oil-spill.html>

**U.S. chemical board urges new safety measures at gas-fired plants.** Closing investigations into two deadly blasts, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) adopted Monday a series of 18 "urgent" recommendations designed to prevent fires and explosions at industrial facilities during the cleaning and purging of natural gas pipes. The 4-1 vote came at a public hearing in Middletown, Connecticut, where an explosion at the Kleen Energy power plant killed six workers and injured at least 50 others in February. Investigators outlined findings into that probe and described its similarity to a blast at a ConAgra Foods Slim Jim plant in Garner, North Carolina, which killed four workers and injured 67 in June 2009. Both accidents resulted from large, planned releases of gas in the presence of ignition sources — during the cleaning of gas piping in the Kleen Energy blast, and during the venting of fuel gas indoors in the ConAgra blast. CSB said alternatives exist and that many companies use safer methods for flushing pipes or venting gas. One board member said the probes also uncovered a "significant gap" in federal standards that threatens the safety of workers at gas-fired facilities. Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews.aspx?xmlpath=RSSFeed/HeadlineNews/NaturalGas/8854455.xml>

**Is a new reactor rust-prone?** Approval of the design for the Westinghouse AP 1000 reactor is slowly moving forward at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as are financial arrangements for building the nation's first one, near Augusta, Georgia. Yet the argument about whether its design is safer than past models is advancing, too. On June 18, the Southern Company, the utility holding company that is building it, and the Department of Energy announced that they had come to final terms on a federal loan guarantee that would allow the project to go forward. Lots of details have yet to be agreed upon, though. One is that the reactor is surrounded by a shield building meant to protect it from hazards like crashing airplanes, and the NRC is not convinced the shield building would survive earthquakes and other natural hazards. Westinghouse, a subsidiary of Toshiba, is conducting new analytical work to try to convince NRC staff of the building's safety. Also under attack is a thick metal shell inside the shield building that critics say might not withstand an accident. The theory behind separating the shell from the surrounding wall is to avoid a problem in existing reactors, which use a strong concrete building with a metal liner. In case of a serious accident, some argue, the combination of concrete and steel could become a thermos bottle, allowing heat to build up. In the AP 1000 design, the metal is not a liner but an entire separate shell, with a concrete building surrounding it and an air gap in between. Source: <http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/28/is-a-new-reactor-rust-prone/>

**Nuke security group upset by G-8 inaction.** The Fissile Materials Working Group expressed disappointment that G-8 leaders didn't renew a Global Partnership effort to lock down weapons of

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mass destruction around the world. According to information distributed by the coalition of nuclear security experts and advocates, the G-8 leaders opted to evaluate renewed funding options instead of making a firm commitment. In a statement, the president of the Partnership for Global Security and co-chair of the Fissile Materials Working Group, said: "It is very disappointing, and extremely short-sighted, for the G-8 to have not extended the Global Partnership program — an effort specifically designed to lock down or eliminate weapons of mass destruction that threaten every corner of the globe. With the U.S. already picking up about \$1.5 billion of the \$2 billion per year for that program, the rest of the G-8 nations would have only had to contribute a half a billion per year collectively. With the G-8 nations representing 44 percent of global GDP, that is more than an affordable investment in preventing a WMD terrorist incident." Source:

[http://blogs.knoxnews.com/munger/2010/06/nuke\\_security\\_group\\_upset\\_by\\_g.html](http://blogs.knoxnews.com/munger/2010/06/nuke_security_group_upset_by_g.html)

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Florida) Sarasota condo tower evacuated after cracks found.** The city of Sarasota, Florida ordered Dolphin Tower condominium evacuated after a shift in the 2-foot thick concrete slab on the fourth floor that supports the upper floors of the 35-year-old, bay-front building cracked. Representatives from the city met with engineers for the 117-unit, 15-story building and a few dozen residents last night, and made the decision that all residents must leave by 11 a.m. July 1 and remain out of the building until it is stabilized. Stabilization could take between three days and six months. About 80 percent of Dolphin Tower residents are year-round, while 20 percent are snowbirds there only during the winter months. Several businesses housed in the building, with storefronts on ritzy Palm Avenue, are not affected because they are located away from the tower. Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20100630/BREAKING/100639980/2055/NEWS?Title=Sarasota-condo-tower-evacuated-after-cracks-found>

**(Michigan) Beach closed again.** Van Buren County Health officials in Michigan now say both Van Buren State Park Beach and South Beach may remain closed for a couple more days. A health department representative said the contamination is coming from the Black River after a week of storms. Because of the storms, E-coli levels have been high and testing will resume in a couple of days. North Beach remains open and they hope that the other two beaches will be reopened before the Fourth of July weekend, but that may be optimistic. E-coli is just an indicator bacteria. While E-coli poses a health risk, its presence marks the possibility that there could be even more dangerous pathogens in the water. Source: <http://www.wkzo.com/news/articles/2010/jun/30/beach-closed-again/>

**(Arizona) Suspicious powder sparks apartment evacuation.** Scottsdale police evacuated residents of eight apartments in Arizona after they found a suspicious white powder while serving a search warrant. A police spokesman said officers were investigating a weapons-misconduct case at the apartment complex when detectives spotted the white powder. Because they didn't recognize it, they backed out and called for a fire department hazardous-materials team. Preliminary tests show the substance is not hazardous. One person has been taken into custody. Residents are being allowed back home and the roadways were reopened at about 8:30 p.m. Source:

<http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/local/scottsdale/scottsdale-evacuation-6-29-2010>

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**(Georgia) Shootout erupts in Marietta Walmart parking lot.** A shootout erupted outside a Walmart Supercenter in Marietta, Georgia June 30. Five vehicles were hit by gunfire, but no one was hurt, police said. The shootout happened about 12:30 a.m. in the parking lot. Responding officers identified one of the shooters, and he's being questioned by detectives. The other shooter remains at large. A police spokeswoman said there were customers in the parking lot and inside the store at the time of the shootout. Police are interviewing witnesses. Source:

<http://www.ajc.com/news/cobb/shootout-erupts-in-marietta-560802.html>

**(Texas) Bomb squad disarms possible explosive device found at local motel.** Fort Hood's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit set off two controlled explosions June 28 to disarm what authorities think could be a homemade bomb that employees found earlier at a Motel 6 in Temple, Texas. Fewer than a half-dozen motel guests were evacuated from their rooms and the area was cordoned off when the handbag-size device was found in the motel office. Fort Hood bomb experts moved it outside of the building and disarmed it. Fort Hood experts, Temple police, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are working to determine whether the suspicious item was actually a bomb, but report the item's size and nature were "consistent with an explosive device." Police don't know how it ended up at the motel. Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/97346189.html>

**(Mississippi) Bomb squad investigating suspicious device at Hattiesburg drug store.** A bomb squad has destroyed a suspicious object found at a drug store in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. An employee of Wal-Greens at the corner of Hwy 49 and Hardy Street discovered an unfamiliar object with wires coming out of the sides inside the store June 28. The building was immediately evacuated and officials called to the scene. At 6 a.m., a bomb squad was called from Biloxi and used a robot to take hold of the device and submerge it in water for retrieval. Officials said the device was an ice chest with wires attached. It was destroyed and the fragments are now being analyzed. Source:

<http://www.wdam.com/Global/story.asp?S=12720746>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(Alabama) Copper thieves steal cable from TDS ... again.** For the fourth time this year, copper thieves in rural Alabama have risked their lives to steal copper cables from TDS Telecom facilities, causing phone and Internet outages for many people and businesses from Cedar Bluff to Gaylesville. Early July 1, more than 400 residents woke to no phone or Internet service as a result of the vandalism and theft of a 400-pair copper cable. Local cellular service was also impacted as cell sites connect to TDS lines to connect mobile and landline phone calls across the nation and locally. TDS technical response team members immediately began work to replace the cable in an effort to restore services to the area as quickly as possible, but the damage was significant. TDS is asking people to report suspicious activity near utility poles, telephone cabinets and other utility-owned areas. The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department tip line is 256-927-9999. Source:

<http://www.weis990am.com/np86064.htm>

**(Georgia) Wiring stolen from AT&T call center.** Police in Cedartown, Georgia met with an employee of AT&T's construction department to discuss the theft of wiring from telephone poles June 21. The employee said about 900 feet of copper wiring was stolen. During the incident, fiber optic wires and stand cable were also cut but left behind. The incident occurred along Davis Road in Cedartown, according to reports. The AT&T call center, 101 AT&T Drive, was shut down for an unknown amount

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of time, according to a Cedartown detective. A spokeswoman said the incident impacted the center for several hours, but calls coming in were able to be routed to other call centers. AT&T is offering a reward of as much as \$3,000 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible. Source: [http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full\\_story/8067297/article-Wiring-stolen-from-AT-T-call-center?instance=home\\_news\\_lead\\_story](http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full_story/8067297/article-Wiring-stolen-from-AT-T-call-center?instance=home_news_lead_story)

**Obama to nearly double amount of wireless spectrum available.** The President of the United States June 28 is expected to sign a memorandum to almost double the amount of federal and commercial spectrum available for smartphones and wireless Internet devices, according to an administration official. The move is aimed at fostering investment and economic growth and creating jobs as information flowing over wireless networks continues to grow at a rapid pace. The director of the White House National Economic Council is expected to detail the presidential memorandum in a speech June 28. The memorandum would make available 500MHz of federal and commercial spectrum over the next 10 years. Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100628/ap\\_on\\_bi\\_ge/us\\_obama\\_spectrum](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100628/ap_on_bi_ge/us_obama_spectrum)

### **DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE SECTOR**

**U.S. Navy's lean manning backlash.** An independent probe into the state of the U.S. Navy's surface force has found widespread, systemic dysfunction in its manning, readiness and training, and repudiates much of the service's high-level decision-making in the last decade. The report - commissioned by the Fleet Forces commander, and produced by a seven-member panel led by a retired Vice Admiral, and that included two serving rear admirals — warns that unless the Navy mends its ways, it will continue to see surface ships condemned in inspections and sail unready to fight. Although sailors and Navy observers have pointed before to many of the problems and trends that the Vice Admiral's "fleet review panel" uncovered, the report provides the clearest, most detailed look yet at how a preoccupation with saving money drove the surface Navy to a low point. Source: <http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:TPNqzvfCa3QJ: www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=4677660+Balisle+lean+manning&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us-###>

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**Faulty engines in 270,000 Toyotas.** Toyota said July 1 about 270,000 cars sold worldwide — including luxury Lexus sedans — have potentially faulty engines, the latest quality lapse to hit the automaker following massive global recalls of top-selling models. The Japan daily Yomiuri said in its evening edition that Toyota will inform the transport ministry of a recall July 5. The paper cited no sources. A Toyota spokesman said the company was evaluating measures to deal with the problem of defective engines that can stall while the vehicle is moving. He would not confirm a recall was being considered. The automaker has been working to patch up its reputation after recalling more than 8 million vehicles worldwide because of unintended acceleration and other defects. Of the 270,000 vehicles with engine problems, some 180,000 were sold overseas and the rest in Japan. They include the popular Crown and seven models of luxury Lexus sedans. Toyota said it has received around 200 complaints in Japan over faulty engines. Some drivers told Toyota that the engines made a strange noise. Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2010/07/01/world/AP-AS-Japan-Toyota.html?\\_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2010/07/01/world/AP-AS-Japan-Toyota.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss)

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**Toyota recalls, halts sales of Lexus hybrid.** Toyota said it is recalling 17,000 Lexus HS 250 hybrid models because U.S. government tests show they could leak fuel in a rear-end crash. Toyota also said it will halt sales of all HS 250 hybrids while it searches for a remedy to the problem. In April, Toyota temporarily halted sales of its GX 640 hybrid after Consumer Reports labeled the SUV unsafe after it performed poorly during standard emergency handling tests. Source:

[http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2010/06/lexus\\_hybrid\\_recall.html](http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2010/06/lexus_hybrid_recall.html)

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Delaware) Homeland security department unveils new 800 MHZ towers.** The Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security has unveiled and demonstrated two new emergency communications assets: portable 800 MHz towers also known as Site on Wheels. "Delaware's 800 MHz system is one of the few statewide interoperable systems in the country and with the addition of this equipment, we will be able to maintain interoperability should we experience emergency issues with one of the communications towers," said the safety and homeland security secretary. The state-of-the-art, 85-foot towers are secured to trailers that can be temporarily positioned anywhere in the state to serve as backups should an existing permanent 800 MHz tower fail. "Delaware is one of the first states in the nation to acquire portable towers designed to be quickly deployed during emergency situations to re-establish communications in the area of a failed tower," said the division of communications director who oversees 30 technicians and staff who maintain the state's 800 MHz system, which includes more than 14,000 pieces of user equipment. Source:

<http://www.capegazette.com/storiescurrent/201006-16-30/29004-towers.html>

**(Connecticut) Conn. police unveil new statewide alert system.** Connecticut police and public health officials are unveiling a new state-wide alert system that will give citizens important information about emergencies. Authorities said the CT Alert system will notify the public about various kinds of emergencies through cell phones, home phones, text messages, faxes, pagers, and other means. Citizens have to sign up for the service. State police said it is the first statewide emergency notification system in the country. Source:

<http://www.middletownpress.com/articles/2010/06/28/news/doc4c28b09fcc8bf941792484.txt>

**(California) Hemet police probe suspected arson fire at evidence building.** A suspected arson fire that damaged a Hemet, California Police Department evidence building early Monday morning could be the seventh attack on the law enforcement agency this year. The fire was reported at 2:23 a.m. and severely damaged the building and evidence stored inside. The facility, which is across a parking lot from Hemet's main police station, stores evidence for pending and past criminal cases, said an agency spokesman "There's some pretty significant damage to the roof and other parts of the building," he said. "Inside, there's evidence from thousands of cases: homicides, rapes, you name it." Firefighters from the Hemet Fire Department quickly extinguished the blaze. Details of how the fire started were not disclosed. No arrests have been made. Investigators believe that the fire could be related to a rash of attacks on police in the city. With the department already on edge, the spokesman said officers are being urged to remain vigilant and to "be aware of their surroundings at all time." Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jun/28/local/la-me-hemet-20100629>

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**(New Jersey) FEMA: New Jersey State Police too slow.** In a rare rebuke, federal officials criticized New Jersey State Police for mistakes they made last month during an emergency drill involving the Salem and Hope Creek nuclear plants on Artificial Island in Lower Alloways Creek. During a simulated nuclear disaster, it took the state police 62 minutes to inform the public within 60 miles of the reactors whether to evacuate or seek nearby shelter, about 17 minutes too long for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which said the response was seriously deficient. The state police were also cited for identifying the wrong town in a press release warning local officials about potentially contaminated fish. The test will be re-run July 15. "The deficiency was not in the message, the right decisions were made," said the executive officer for Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the division of the state police department that handles emergency responses in Trenton. FEMA has since told OEM that 40 to 45 minutes would be a reasonable response time. FEMA found no deficiencies in the role of Salem County's emergency management team in the drill. Source: <http://www.nj.com/sunbeam/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1277538618237410.xml&coll=9>

## **ENERGY**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**FDA urges less antibiotics in meat.** Meat producers should use certain antibiotics only to assure animal health and stop using the drugs to increase production and promote growth, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said June 28. The recommendation to cut back on the use of antimicrobial drugs comes amid rising concern that extensive use in animals contributes to antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria afflicting humans. "The development of resistance to this important class of drugs, and the resulting loss of their effectiveness as antimicrobial therapies, poses a serious public health threat," the FDA said in a draft guidance statement. The FDA guidance applies to antibiotics deemed "medically important" because they also are useful in treating human illness. It calls on meat producers to consult more closely with veterinarians about when to use drugs and which compounds to employ. Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2010/jun/29/nation/la-na-fda-antibiotics-20100629>

**Germany highlights risks from packaged sprouts and salads.** High bacteria loads observed in fresh packaged sprouts and ready-to-eat salads are likely caused by a combination of factors, including poor processing hygiene and humid conditions fostered inside plastic packaging, said a German safety body. The Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (FIRA) also said that contamination during the growth and harvesting of the products, as well as the fact that some bacteria are carried by animals and occur naturally in the environment also contribute to the high levels of bacteria. But the agency said incidents of food-borne illnesses from the vegetables were relatively low compared to that from pork and poultry. FIRA said a study of 59 samples of fresh packaged sprouts and shoots found the numbers of bacteria in sprouts "increase considerably within a few days" and have an above average microbial load when they reach the best before date." Source: [http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0629\\_it\\_europe\\_sprouts](http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0629_it_europe_sprouts)

**(Florida) Officials urge vaccinations to prevent EEE.** State officials are warning about an increase in the number of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) cases in Florida this year including areas not

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normally impacted by the disease. There have been 16 confirmed cases of EEE in horses so far this year, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The overall number of reports is not unusual, but seven of those cases came in on one day: June 23. Chickens that serve as an early warning for the disease have been diagnosed with the disease in parts of Florida that usually don't report EEE cases, the state agency reported. EEE is classified as a viral disease. It impacts the nervous system and is transmitted to horses by infected mosquitoes. In 90 percent of those cases, it is fatal to the animal. But most cases can be prevented with proper vaccinations. Source: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20100629/ARTICLES/100629416/1002?tc=ar>

**Kellogg recalling cereals.** Kellogg is voluntarily recalling about 28 million boxes of Apple Jacks, Corn Pops, Froot Loops, and Honey smacks cereal because of an unusual smell and flavor. Twenty people complained about the cereals, including five who reported nausea and vomiting. The products were distributed throughout the U.S. to stores in late March 2010. Only products with the letters "K-N" following the use-by date are including in the recall. Kellogg is trying to identify the cause of the problem and is offering consumers refunds in the mean time. Source: <http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=12718348>

**After spaghetti, sandwiches, hamburger, it's pizza: Walmart Marketside pizza recalled.** Illinois-based Great Kitchens Inc., a private-label pizza company held by Arbor Investments, recalled 109,800 pounds of Marketside - a Walmart store brand - barbecue chicken pizza due to concerns that it may contain fragments of plastic. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) made the recalls public June 25. The company found tiny fragments of plastic in the pizzas during manufacturing of the product. The pizzas belong to a production batch manufactured between June 15 and 16. Walmart has not yet listed the product on the Web site in the section where it details products sold in its stores that have been recalled. Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/31071/20100628/walmart-marketside-great-kitchens-recalls-arbor-investments.htm>

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Washington) Bomb threat forces Pierce Co. Health Dept. evacuation.** The Pierce County Health Department in Tacoma, Washington was evacuated early June 29 due to a bomb threat. Tacoma Police said the threat was left on a note. Bomb-sniffing dogs searched the building, but nothing was found. The evacuation was lifted. Source: <http://www.king5.com/news/local/Bomb-threat-forces-Pierce-Co-Health-Dept-evacuation-97400334.html>

**(Florida) Search for explosives continue at Odyssey Middle School.** It is day two and crews with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, are searching the property around Odyssey Middle School in Orlando, Florida for possible explosives. A Corps official said crews are currently conducting a geophysical survey to test for any munitions near the site of classroom portables. It is an area that was not accessible to them in the past. The portables have since been removed so crews can begin scanning the ground with a high-tech metal detector. Corps officials said the actual school building is not in any danger primarily because when the school was being constructed, there were no signs of munitions as construction crews were laying the infrastructure. The main focus is searching the areas where the classroom portables were previously located. So far no explosives have been found,

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officials said. The Corps will continue its search throughout the week. Source:

<http://www.myfoxorlando.com/dpp/news/education/062910search-for-explosives-at-odyssey>

**(Maine) Maine's online database of legislative activity gets hacked.** An unknown hacker broke into Maine's online database of legislative activity and attempted to manipulate the code of the Web site June 24, according to The Portland Press Herald. The legislature's IT staff shut down the Web site's bill-status function, which allows users to follow legislation such as roll calls, committee votes, amendments and fiscal notes. The manipulated code inserted the addresses of extraneous Web sites that could have exposed users' computers to harm if they clicked on the links, said the director of IT for the legislature. "It's not really a hugely harmful thing, if you get the website down," he said. As soon as the IT staff became aware of the problem, it took down the Web site. The bill-status section of [www.mainelegislature.org](http://www.mainelegislature.org) is run by a vendor, International Roll-Call. It is unclear whether the hacking impacted the Web sites of other state legislatures operated by the company, but the director of IT for the legislature said there have been talks with vendor officials who said they plan to increase security. Source: <http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/06/29/maines-online-database-of-legislative-activity-gets-hacked/>

**June busy month for cyber criminals targeting colleges.** Three U.S. universities were recently targeted by separate cyber attacks attempting to either dupe students into revealing personal information or extract student data by hacking school computer systems. SPAMFighter reports how some students at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, fell for an e-mail scam claiming to be from the "Webmail Administrator" of the school. The e-mail urged recipients to click on an embedded link. Students of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) at Harvard University were recently warned about a phishing attack that purported to be from FAS. The e-mail had the subject line "Your Account has been flagged and is about to be out of service." The e-mail contained the same message as the subject with an additional sentence urging the user to update his or her account details to fix the issue, followed by a "CLICK TO UPDATE" link. The e-mail also asked the recipients for usernames, passwords and birth dates. And Maine Public Broadcasting Network reported June 29 how University of Maine police are investigating an attack on two UMaine computer servers. School officials said the breach could have exposed personal information related to a small percentage of students between the summer of 2002 and the present. UMaine is planning a press conference at 2 p.m. June 29 to provide more details about the breach. Source:

<http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/06/29/june-busy-month-for-cyber-criminals-targeting-colleges/>

**(New Mexico) Authorities make explosives arrest.** A Valencia County man was arrested after police found him driving around in Bosque Farms, New Mexico with dangerous explosives. Investigators said they are alarmed because they think the suspect stole them from the military, because said he used to serve in the armed forces and had access to them for years. Bosque Farms police found C-4 detonators and shotgun shells. "You very rarely want to see anyone running around with these types of explosives," said the Bosque Farms police chief. Investigators questioned how the suspect ended up with the explosives in his car. Investigators said the explosives are associated with the military and illegal for civilians to have. At this point, authorities believe the 23-year-old planned to use the explosives to protect his marijuana growth at a home on Willow Road in Los Lunas. Source:

<http://www.koat.com/news/24077681/detail.html>

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**(Maine) University of Maine investigating 8 year security breach.** The University of Maine is investigating a breach of their computer systems that ran for eight years. The breach may have exposed some personal information of students for the past eight years. The attack targeted two UMaine computer servers. University officials said potentially exposed students are a “small percentage” of the total student body. The servers were compromised in the summer of 2002.

Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=119569&catid=2>

**10 alleged Russian secret agents arrested in U.S.** The FBI has arrested 10 people for allegedly serving for years as secret agents of Russia’s intelligence service, the SVR, with the goal of penetrating U.S. government policymaking circles. According to court papers unsealed June 28, the FBI intercepted a message from SVR headquarters, Moscow Center, to two of the defendants describing their main mission as “to search and develop ties in policymaking circles in US.” Intercepted messages showed they were asked to learn about a broad swath of topics including nuclear weapons, U.S. arms control positions, Iran, White House rumors, CIA leadership turnover, the last presidential election, Congress, and the political parties. After a secret multi-year investigation, the Justice Department announced the arrests in a blockbuster spy case that could rival the capture of a famous Soviet spy in 1957 in New York. There was no clue in initial court papers how successful the agents had been, but they were alleged to have been long-term, deep-cover spies, some living as couples. These deep-cover agents are the hardest spies for the FBI to catch because they take civilian jobs with no visible connection to a foreign government; one was a reporter, editor and columnist at a New York Spanish-language newspaper. They are more elusive than spies who operate from government jobs inside Russian embassies and military missions. Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j\\_Fmz\\_pKb-YmXtA5fSYdbz6ptRAD9GKKPFG0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j_Fmz_pKb-YmXtA5fSYdbz6ptRAD9GKKPFG0)

**(Kentucky) Courthouses reopened after bomb threat.** Fayette County circuit and district courts in Lexington, Kentucky were reopened at 9:45 a.m. Monday, about an hour after officials said a bomb threat was made. A spokeswoman for the sheriff’s office, said the threat was made by phone. She said an anonymous caller said a bomb had been placed in one of the two buildings, which sit side by side at Limestone and Main streets. The spokeswoman declined to say who received the call. Both buildings were evacuated until sheriff’s deputies were able to complete a search. No bomb was found. A spokeswoman for the Lexington Division of Police, said the sheriff’s office did not request assistance from the hazardous devices unit. An investigation is continuing. Source:

<http://www.kentucky.com/2010/06/28/1327294/lexington-police-investigate-bomb.html>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Security commentators claim that Adobe should disable JavaScript in Adobe Reader.** Adobe has been praised for its more frequent patching, but requests have been made for it to disable JavaScript by default in Adobe Reader. The Sophos principal virus researcher praised Adobe, claiming that it was “obvious” that Adobe was doing more to address vulnerabilities found in its product, especially since it rolled out patches two weeks ahead of schedule recently. However, he claimed that Adobe should disable JavaScript by default in its Reader software, because the main vulnerability that was patched affected Adobe Flash, and the main vehicle for delivering malicious payloads were PDF files. He said: “A booby-trapped PDF file would contain a Flash animation which would trigger the vulnerability, JavaScript code which would be used to create memory layout to allow the exploit to successfully

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launch shellcode and ultimately, an encrypted executable payload which would deliver the final functionality.” He also commented that the high number of patched vulnerabilities indicates that it may be a good time for Adobe to go through a security push to overhaul the approach to building in security to their products. The request was echoed by the director of malware intelligence at ESET. The director said: “Adobe, when I disable JavaScript, stop silently re-enabling it when you update (yes, I realize that this is because it’s restoring defaults, so it’s practically the same point: the point is that a sane update takes customizations into account).” Source:

<http://www.scmagazineuk.com/security-commentators-claim-that-adobe-should-disable-javascript-in-adobe-reader/article/173684/>

**Researchers report vulnerability in Microsoft Office 2010.** Researchers at VUPEN Security in France said they found one of the first vulnerabilities in Microsoft’s new Office Excel 2010 application, but have not yet officially reported it to Microsoft. The CEO and director of research at VUPEN said the flaw is a heap corruption vulnerability that, if exploited, would let an attacker run arbitrary code on the victim’s machine and take over the machine once the user opened a specially crafted Office document. “We are currently verifying if the vulnerability affects previous versions of Office. What we have seen so far is that the vulnerable code is only present in Office 2010,” he said. VUPEN also has found a separate, potential bug in Word 2010. “But the analysis of this potential flaw to determine its exploitability is still ongoing,” he said. Even so, the CEO said Office 2010 is much more secure than previous versions of the software. The group manager for response communications at Microsoft said Microsoft is “aware” of the vulnerability discovery claim, but does not have the details to verify it. Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=225701818>

**Sony says 535,000 laptops at risk of overheating.** More than half a million Sony laptops sold this year contain a software bug that could lead them to overheat, the company said June 30. Sony has recorded 39 cases of overheating among Vaio F and C series laptops that have been on sale since January. In some cases, the overheating has led the laptop case to deform. A bug in the heat-management system of the BIOS software is to blame. Sony is asking users to either update the software themselves or return their laptops so it can apply the update. The fault affects 535,000 computers, although Sony is asking a total of 646,000 owners to update their machines. The additional 111,000 machines are susceptible to several less serious problems that have also been found in the software, said Sony. BIOS is present in every PC and runs below the operating system, controlling the most basic functions of the computer and interaction between major components. It is usually invisible to users except for a BIOS start-up message that is typically seen when a PC boots. The problem affects machines sold both in Japan and the rest of the world. Affected models sold outside Japan are the VPCCW25FG/B, VPCCW25FG/P and VPCCW25FG/W. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178721/Sony\\_says\\_535\\_000\\_laptops\\_at\\_risk\\_of\\_overheating](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178721/Sony_says_535_000_laptops_at_risk_of_overheating)

**Cisco access point gear could lead to Wi-Fi breach.** Users of a popular Cisco Systems wireless access point may be setting themselves up for trouble if they leave a WPA wireless migration feature enabled, according to researchers at Core Security Technologies. The issue has to do with Cisco’s Aironet 1200 Series Access Point, which is used to power centrally managed wireless LANs. The Aironet 1200 can be set to a WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) migration mode, in which it provides wireless access for devices that use either the insecure WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) protocol or

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the more secure WPA standard. This gives companies a way to gradually move from WEP to WPA without immediately buying all-new, WPA-capable equipment. But while auditing the network of a customer who used the product, Core researchers discovered that even networks that had stopped using WEP devices could still be vulnerable, so long as the Aironet's migration mode was enabled. Researchers were able to force the access point to issue WEP-broadcast packets, which they then used to crack the encryption key and gain access to the network. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178661/Cisco\\_access\\_point\\_gear\\_could\\_lead\\_to\\_Wi\\_Fi\\_breach](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178661/Cisco_access_point_gear_could_lead_to_Wi_Fi_breach)

**The blurred line between business and personal online use.** Half of business users worldwide employ their smartphones and other Web applications for both work and personal use, mixing data from the two worlds freely. And most have purchased at least one device on their own for use at work, according to a new report. IDC's new "Consumerization of IT" report, which was commissioned by Unisys, demonstrates how IT organizations are not keeping up with the adoption of new technologies. The report — which was researched in two parts, with a survey of 2,820 telecommuters in 10 countries and a survey of 650 IT decisionmakers from around the world — found that consumer devices, such as smartphones, and social networking and similar applications are blurring the lines between business and personal technology usage. IDC found that while 73 percent of IT executives said their enterprise networks are "very secure," more than 40 percent of employees said they use instant messaging and texting for business purposes, and nearly 25 percent use blogs and professional online communities for work. Workers said they use an average of four consumer devices and various third-party applications, including social networking sites, during the workday. While IDC said the number of workers using smartphones in their jobs will double through 2014, less than half of enterprises said they let workers access enterprise apps via their smartphones today. Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/insiderthreat/security/client/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=225701662&subSection=End+user/client+security>

**Social networks leak your information, study says.** A new study from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts shows that mobile social networks are giving data about users' physical locations to tracking sites and other social networking services. Researchers reported that all 20 sites that were studied leaked some kind of private information to third-party tracking sites. The study looked at the practices of 13 mobile, online social networks, including Brightkite, Flickr, Foursquare, Gowalla and Urbanspoon. They also studied seven traditional, online social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace and Twitter, which allow users to access their sites using mobile devices. The researchers found that in many cases, the data given out contained the user's unique social networking identifier, which could allow third-party sites to connect the records they keep of users' browsing behavior with their profiles on social networking sites. Mobile social networks track users' geographic location by tapping into data on mobile devices. The study noted that only two social networks directly gave location information to the third-party tracking sites, but several use a third-party map service to show the user's location. The study also reported that six different sites transmit a unique identifier to the user's mobile phone, enabling third-party sites to continue to track a user's location even as the phone is used for other applications. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178648/Social\\_networks\\_leak\\_your\\_information\\_study\\_says](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178648/Social_networks_leak_your_information_study_says)

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**Hackers target instant-messaging applications.** Security experts in Germany are warning of a new threat to MSN Messenger and Windows Live Messenger. G Data SecurityLabs research has found a recent surge in spam and phishing sites that link to the services, as well as a wave of seemingly “endless” fake-friend requests. Adding to these woes is a rogue application that promises to tell users who is blocking them, but in fact is a lure to a scam. Any links included in messages will take users to a Russian software site which offers products at unrealistically low prices, the firm warned, with the goal of the scammers to obtain personal information and credit card details from their victims. Other IM-borne threats include a sort of look-up service that lets IM users see who is blocking them as a contact. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2265553/instant-messaging-applications>

**U.S. outlines security strategy for online identity.** The White House has published a draft of a strategy designed to make the concept of trusted identities and authentication a reality in the digital world. In a 39-page document entitled the “National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace” (NSTIC), the White House promotes the “Identity Ecosystem”, an interoperable environment where individuals, organizations and devices can “trust each other because authoritative sources establish and authenticate their digital identities.” The ecosystem will consist of three main layers – a governance layer that establishes the rules of the environment; a management layer that applies and enforces the rules; and the execution layer that conducts transactions in accordance with the rules. “The federal government, in collaboration with individuals, businesses, non-profits, advocacy groups, associations, and other governments, must lead the way to improve how identities are trusted and used in cyberspace,” the document reads. “Ongoing collaboration ... has already resulted in significant gains towards establishing Identity Ecosystem components. However, much more remains to be done.” Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/US-Outlines-Security-Strategy-for-Online-Identity-125949/>

## **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(Ohio) Ash borers make it to Wayne forest.** The emerald ash borer’s conquest of Ohio continues with a new infestation discovered in the Wayne National Forest in Perry County. The invasive species now has infested trees in 49 of the state’s 88 counties. An Ohio Department of Agriculture surveyor found the borer last week on an ash tree near Rt. 668 inside the forest. As the voracious beetle spreads, at risk are the state’s estimated 254 million ash trees. Borers were first discovered in Detroit in 2002, where they likely hitched a ride from China. They were discovered in Ohio near Toledo in 2003 and have since spread to more than half the state’s counties, including Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking and Union counties in central Ohio. Their larvae eat tunnels through the soft wood under the bark of ash trees. The tunnels damage the trees’ water-circulation systems and kill the trees within three to five years. Source: [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/06/29/ash-borers-make-it-to-wayne-forest.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/06/29/ash-borers-make-it-to-wayne-forest.html?sid=101)

**(Utah) 12,000 marijuana plants removed near Centerville.** Authorities have removed more than 12,000 marijuana plants from U.S. Forest Service land near Centerville, Utah in Davis County. The operation to remove the plants took several hours. Police say the site was found by a hiker. Officials from several agencies, including the Davis Metro Narcotics Strike Force, investigated the plants starting June 26 and removed them June 27. The Drug Enforcement Administration also provided support for the investigation. No suspects were found by police at the scene but a campsite next to

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the area was found abandoned. Officials say the area was well organized and hidden by heavy vegetation. They say it was equipped with a gravity-fed irrigation system. Source:

[http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top\\_stories/story/12-000-marijuana-plants-removed-near-Centerville/UNfCVRpdWkqiaWNDr5Oldw.csp](http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top_stories/story/12-000-marijuana-plants-removed-near-Centerville/UNfCVRpdWkqiaWNDr5Oldw.csp)

**(Arizona) Two wildfires burning near Safford.** Two wildfires are burning in the Santa Teresa Mountains west of Safford, Arizona, U.S. Forest Service officials reported. The Cottonwood Fire, touched off June 27 by a lightning strike, has burned about 650 acres, officials from the Coronado National Forest reported in a statement June 28. The fire is burning slowly through brush mixed with pine, and officials said it is being “managed for multiple objectives.” About 1.5 miles south, a smaller wildfire is also being monitored. The fire has burned five acres. Neither wildfire is threatening structures. Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/wildfire/article\\_7e713f8a-831e-11df-a4c9-001cc4c03286.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/wildfire/article_7e713f8a-831e-11df-a4c9-001cc4c03286.html)

**(Colorado) Helicopters fight wildfire in Rocky Mountain Park.** Fire managers are using helicopters against a 1,500-acre wildfire in a remote part of Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes, Colorado. Ground crews started attacking the fire June 27. Park officials said firefighting efforts are primarily directed at keeping the flames away from the town of Glen Haven on the park’s northeast side. Lightning is believed to have started the fire, which was spotted June 23. Ground crews were pulled out June 25 because of the fire’s erratic behavior. Source: <http://cbs4denver.com/news/wildfire.rocky.mountain.2.1775490.html>

**(Iowa) High water closes state parks.** Many Iowa state parks have been closed due to recent flooding. George Wyth State Park in Waterloo-Cedar Falls closed indefinitely June 25 due to flooding from the Cedar River. High water is also affecting the use of Ledges State Park, near Boone. The Lower Road is flooded due to high water conditions at Saylorville. Canyon Road is closed to vehicle traffic, but open to foot traffic. All other activities, including camping and trail use remain open. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is also watching the Des Moines River inch closer to the road at Dolliver State Park, in Webster County. Source: [http://www.globegazette.com/news/local/article\\_151fbde2-80e7-11df-a2a5-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.globegazette.com/news/local/article_151fbde2-80e7-11df-a2a5-001cc4c03286.html)

## **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

**Vice president announces Gulf food safety plan.** Gulf state health and fisheries officials and leaders from several federal agencies will collaborate to set safety levels for seafood coming out of the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Vice President said June 29. “We want one single standard so you don’t have to worry about where you fish, when you can fish,” the Vice President said. “Bottom line is, we want to get fishermen back out on the water as soon as possible after the oil has been removed.” The plan will be devised and carried out in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), he said. Representatives from NOAA, the FDA and the Environmental Protection Agency met the week of June 21 in New Orleans with state health officers and state fisheries directors from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas to fine-tune the plan for sampling state and federal waters, and for deciding when to reopen them. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/06/29/gulf.oil.disaster/index.html>

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**(New Jersey) Anthrax threat sets off hazmat response at county courthouse.** A suspicious white powder, billed as anthrax in a threatening letter sent to the Mercer County prosecutor June 30, sparked a lockdown of his office in the county courthouse in Trenton, New Jersey, while the Trenton haz-mat team investigated. The substance turned out to be nothing more than a vitamin powder called Nature's Wonder, officials said. Prosecutors are investigating who sent the letter, which bore a return address of the Mercer County Detention Center. "I would characterize the letter as threatening, but I can't reveal the specifics of what it said because this is a criminal investigation," said a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office. The drama began shortly after 10 a.m. when a secretary in the prosecutor's office opened the envelope and discovered the white powder that was identified in writing as anthrax. Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/times/regional/index.ssf?/base/news-20/1277963114287831.xml&coll=5>

**(Idaho) Suspicious package prompts evacuation of NIFC building.** Emergency crews and a bomb technician were called to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho early June 30 to investigate the report of a suspicious package. The package was discovered in the mail room at the NIFC building on Development Road near the Boise Airport at about 10:45 a.m. To evacuate the building, someone pulled a fire alarm — sending out an alert to the Boise Fire Department. When emergency crews and Boise Police Department bomb techs arrived on the scene, they determined the package was a weather-balloon transmitter. A Boise police spokesman said the person who sent it found it in a field. There are instructions on the transmitter for anyone who finds it to send it back to a specific address. The person who found the transmitter didn't follow the instructions. The spokesman said the person repackaged the transmitter, and tried sending it to the NIFC building via U.S. mail. The U.S. Postal Service then rejected the package, mailing it back to the sender. The person who found it then sent it to the NIFC building using a courier service. About 50 to 60 people were evacuated from the building. They were let back in sometime around noon. Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/Emergency-crews-investigating-suspicious-package-at-NIFC-97497199.html>

**(New Jersey) Lakewood businesses evacuated after letter with bomb threat, suspicious powder is delivered.** An envelope in the mail containing a threatening letter and a suspicious powder received by Gaspari Nutrition prompted the evacuation June 28 of several businesses on Prospect Street in Lakewood, New Jersey. "The letter threatened a bomb explosion if they did not give a sum of money," authorities said. The powder tested negative for any biological or chemical hazards, and the bomb was "nonexistent." The sender of the letter is unknown. The matter is still being investigated. The oppressive heat sent one officer, who was wearing a gas mask and other protective clothing, to the hospital with heat exhaustion. There was a considerable law enforcement response. In addition to local police, state police, the FBI, Berkeley hazardous-materials team, and the Ocean County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit were at the scene, which is off Route 9 in an industrial park. Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20100628/NEWS/6280355/Lakewood-businesses-evacuated-after-letter-with-bomb-threat-suspicious-powder-is-delivered>

**(Mississippi) Suspected bomb explodes Apple South mailbox.** A device believed to be a bomb exploded in a mailbox in Picayune, Mississippi in the Apple South subdivision June 26, a day after another explosive device was found in a mailbox in the North Hill subdivision. Pearl River County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a call of a strange item in a mailbox at 84 Apple South Drive. Before deputies arrived on scene, the device exploded, blowing out the back and front of the mailbox, scattering mail around the area, said the chief investigator. Agents with ATF have been called in to help with the investigation. The chief investigator said initial reports describe the device as including a Coca Cola bottle, chemicals and tin foil. The chief investigator said the department so

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far has not ruled out the possibility that this incident, and the device found June 25 in North Hill are related. Source: <http://picayuneitem.com/local/x1703940545/Suspected-bomb-explodes-Apple-South-mailbox>

(Illinois) **'Bottle bomb' explodes in mailbox; no one hurt.** Police were called around 10:30 a.m. June 26 to investigate an exploded bottle that had been placed in a mailbox on the 2500 block of Fairbanks Court in Naperville, Illinois sometime late June 25 or early June 26. According to police, the bottle caused neither damage nor injury when a mixture of household chemicals caused it to explode. The bottle had been removed from the mailbox and was blown up in the front yard of the home. No one was injured. Residents who find suspicious objects are always encouraged to call police. Source: <http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/napervillesun/news/2436086,naperville-Bottle-bomb-blast.article>

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

(Utah) **Utahns warned of whooping cough outbreak.** Because a recent whooping cough outbreak in California has killed five infants and sickened 910 people, Utah health officials are asking residents to protect themselves by vaccinating their children and getting their own booster shots if they already haven't done so. Whooping cough, or pertussis, is a bacterial disease that passes from person to person. So far three or four cases have been confirmed each month since the beginning of the year in Weber County, and six have been confirmed so far this month. Davis County is reporting seven cases since the beginning of the year. "It's especially hard on infants," said the Weber-Morgan Health Department public information officer. "Children are required to get the vaccine throughout their childhood and school years, but adults are also susceptible," she said. "Even if you did receive the vaccine, immunity fades over time, and it is recommended that people get a booster once every 10 years." Source: <http://www.standard.net/topics/health/2010/06/28/utahns-warned-whooping-cough-outbreak>

**Hospital CIOs confused over e-health records rollout standards.** Eight out of 10 hospital CIOs recently surveyed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP said they are concerned they will not be able to demonstrate "meaningful use" of electronic health records (EHRs) — and therefore won't qualify for federal reimbursements for rolling out the technology. Ninety-four percent of CIOs in the survey released Tuesday said they are concerned they can't meet government requirements about how to report meaningful use of EHRs, and 92 percent are concerned about a lack of clarity in the criteria used by the government. Last year, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act set aside \$36 billion to help hospitals and doctors purchase equipment to computerize patient medical records, but even the most sophisticated hospitals in the country are struggling to qualify for the payments, PwC's study indicated. Clinicians and hospitals that deploy the technology and prove that it meets a set of government "meaningful use" standards showing it is being effectively used may receive up to \$44,000 per doctor in reimbursement funds beginning next year. Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178685/Hospital\\_CIOs\\_confused\\_over\\_e\\_health\\_records\\_rollout\\_standards](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9178685/Hospital_CIOs_confused_over_e_health_records_rollout_standards)

(California) **State's whooping cough surge may be tied to lagging immunization rate.** Public health officials said California's lackluster immunization rates could be a factor in the epidemic spread of whooping cough, a bacterial disease expected to take its largest toll in the state in five decades.

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California is one of only 11 states that does not require middle school students to receive a booster shot against whooping cough, also known as pertussis, which infects the respiratory system. The state is the only one in the nation to report such a dramatic surge in pertussis, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Five newborn babies in California have died so far this year, and at least 910 people are confirmed to have the illness. Adolescents can play a major role in transmission of whooping cough; the bulk of pertussis cases in Marin County have been diagnosed in 5- to 17 year-olds. Located just north of San Francisco, Marin County, with a population of 250,000, has been one of the worst-hit counties statewide, recording 187 cases — more cases than in the past 10 years combined. Los Angeles County, with a population of 10 million, has recorded 148 suspected cases so far this year. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/health/la-me-whooping-cough-immunization-20100627,0,508371.story>

**(Texas) FBI investigating possible DSHS hacker.** The FBI is investigating whether a hacker broke into the Texas's confidential cancer registry, possibly holding personal information and medical records hostage. The Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner said state health officials notified his office in early May that a hacker was holding the Texas Cancer Registry hostage and demanding a ransom. The preliminary investigation results from the FBI indicate the threat may be a hoax, and officials with the department of state health services, which oversees the cancer registry, said they don't believe the names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers and personal medical information contained in it were stolen. But if the FBI determines private records were revealed, health officials will quickly notify the people listed in the registry. Source: <http://www.texastribune.org/texas-state-agencies/departments-state-health-services-dshs/fbi-investigating-possible-dshs-hacker/>

**(Maine) Pipe bombs detonated in hospital parking lot.** The parking lot at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford has reopened after the state police bomb squad detonated five pipe bombs found inside a truck. The spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety said the truck belongs to a man, who drove himself to the hospital after he was injured Friday morning in an explosion at his home on Avery Road in Alfred. Authorities said they found additional explosive devices and a marijuana-growing operation at the truck owner's home. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the state fire marshal's office and state police are on the scene. Source: <http://www.wmtw.com/news/24040586/detail.html>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**(District of Columbia) Two suspicious packages disrupt life in Northwest Washington.** Two separate packages June 30 left several blocks in Northwest Washington, D.C. closed for hours. Police responded to a call near 19th and F streets, and another near the Columbia Heights Metro train station. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority shut down the Columbia Heights station after a gray suitcase was found. It was later determined that it had been left near a construction zone at 14th and Irving streets NW and was full of tools. The station was closed for about two hours. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/30/AR2010063005188.html?wprss=rss\\_metro](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/30/AR2010063005188.html?wprss=rss_metro)

**(New York) NY pedestrian bridge collapses when hit by truck.** Authorities said a pedestrian bridge over a western New York road has been removed after it collapsed when struck by a truck carrying

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herbicides. No one was injured the afternoon of June 30 when the truck failed to clear the 24-foot-long bridge over Routes 5 and 20 in Seneca, 35 miles southeast of Rochester. State department of transportation officials said the bridge had a posted clearance of 14 feet. Police said the truck driver misjudged the height and slammed into the overpass. The span was formerly part of a railway that was turned into a 23-mile trail linking Canandaigua and Phelps. A local trail organization recently spent about \$50,000 to repair and reopen the bridge after it was damaged when previously struck by a truck. Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=946823>

**Napolitano to launch rail security campaign.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary will spend the day traveling from New York City to Washington, D.C., via an Amtrak passenger rail train, inaugurating a national “See Something, Say Something” campaign. The rail-security campaign takes its name from a catchphrase developed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City. She will travel from New York’s Penn Station to Newark, New Jersey, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then to Union Station in Washington D.C., Thursday. Along the way, she will make speeches highlighting steps the U.S. President has taken to secure U.S. surface-transportation networks. DHS has timed the launch of the national rail-security program to coincide with Operation Regional Alliance Including Local, State, and Federal Efforts (RAIL SAFE). Operation RAIL SAFE involves increasing security teams on passenger rail trains, conducting explosives sweeps with canine teams, and randomly inspecting passenger baggage. TSA, Amtrak Police, and police agencies at the federal, state, and local levels of government have teamed up to initiate Operation RAIL SAFE throughout the northeastern United States to test their counterterrorism capabilities. Lawmakers consistently have questioned whether the U.S. has done enough to protect passenger rail systems, which have proven an attractive target to al Qaeda and other terrorist groups in Europe and Asia. In the past several years, terrorists have launched major attacks on passenger rail systems in Madrid, London, Mumbai, and Moscow. Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/13809/128/>

**FAA proposes changes to icing standards.** Manufacturers of transport aircraft would be required to demonstrate that an aircraft certified to operate in icing conditions could safely operate in a “supercooled large drops” environment under a new rule proposed June 29 by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expanding icing-certification standards. Powerplants and other aircraft components, such as angle-of-attack and airspeed indicators, also would be required to perform safely in freezing rain or drizzle, ice crystals or a combination of icing phenomena. The proposed rule arose from the October 1994 accident of Simmons Airlines Flight 4184, whose ATR 72 flew into icing conditions while in a holding pattern near Roselawn, Illinois. The encounter led to an initial roll excursion, loss of control, rapid descent and impact with the ground, killing 68 people. Following the accident, the National Transportation Safety Board, as well as the FAA Aviation Rule-making Advisory Committee, issued recommendations aimed at improving safety in icing conditions. The FAA’s proposed rule stems from those recommendations. The FAA estimates the total cost of the rule at \$71 million, and for the period 2012-2064, estimates annual costs at \$3.8 million. Source: [http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/avd/2010/06/30/02.xml](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/avd/2010/06/30/02.xml)

**Loose screw causes cockpit fire in some Boeing jets; FAA slow to act — report.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has taken its time in ordering airlines to fix a problem in Boeing Co. jets that causes cockpit fires, reports The Associated Press. A loose screw in the cockpit window heaters has caused a burning smell and, in some cases, flames. The AP reports that the problem has occurred on

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dozens of flights, terrifying passengers and crew and forcing emergency landings. No fatalities have been reported. The National Transportation Safety Board is pushing the FAA to order airlines to fix the problem. "There is no shortage of information. In fact, there's no shortage of incidents," the NTSB Chairman told the AP. "What's the missing is the will to do something about it." Boeing said there has been 29 incidents since 2002 involving 747, 757, 767 and 777 jets. The FAA is expected to issue an order to airlines next month. Source:

<http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20100629/BLOG01/100629855/1005/BIZ>

**(Indiana) Pipe bomb found near railroad tracks.** A man has been arrested after a bomb was found near railroad tracks in Clark County, Indiana. A man is charged with manufacturing an explosive device. Police said a man and his daughter found the bomb along the railroad tracks near the county airport in Sellersburg Thursday. The Indiana State Police Bomb Squad destroyed the device with a water cannon. Investigators received several tips about who built the bomb. Detectives searched the suspect's trailer and found black powder and other bomb-making materials. The suspect told police his father gave him the powder and he was just trying to dispose of it. Source:

<http://www.wlky.com/news/24044202/detail.html>

**Secure flight hits 100 percent mark.** One hundred percent of passengers flying domestically and internationally on U.S. airlines are now being checked against government watch lists through the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program, the DHS Secretary announced late last week. The Secretary called the achievement the second major step in fulfilling a key 9/11 Commission recommendation achieved in the past month. "Secure Flight fulfills a key recommendation of the of the 9/11 Commission Report, enabling TSA to screen passengers directly against government watchlists using passenger name, date of birth, and gender before a boarding pass is issued," she said. "This achievement significantly enhances one of our many layers of security — coordinated with our partners in the airline industry and governments around the world — that we leverage to protect the traveling public against threats of terrorism." Source:

<http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/13757/149/>

## **WATER AND DAMS**

**16 states ban phosphate-laden dishwasher soap.** Starting Thursday, 16 states will ban the sale of dishwasher detergents that contain high levels of phosphates, a source of pollution in lakes and streams. Stores will not be allowed to sell detergent with more than 0.5 percent phosphorous. The bans do not apply to commercial dishwashing products, and detergents for hand-washing dishes generally contain no phosphorus. States instituting the rule include Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin, reports the Associated Press (AP). Some areas such as Spokane County, Washington, have had such bans in place for years. "Phosphorous is like a fertilizer. It increases algae and aquatic weed growth in water bodies," a natural resource specialist with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, told the AP. He said too much algae depletes oxygen needed for healthy fish and aquatic life. Sewage treatment plants and private septic systems can remove much, but not all, of the phosphorous from wastewater, so some of it ends up in lakes, streams and rivers. As a result of the ban, some familiar brands such as Cascade and Colgate-Palmolive are offering dishsoaps with few or no phosphates. Source:

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<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/greenhouse/post/2010/06/16-states-ban-phosphate-laden-dishwasher-soap/1>

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

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